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### HAZELTON ITEMS

L. W. Fullerton and family spent Christmas with their Hazelton friends.

E. L. Smart shipped the county clerk a lot of wolf scalps, to get him a few Christmas presents, but we notice he hasn't got them all killed off yet.

Miss Beatrice Rugg and Leland Edwards are home from their respective schools to spend their Christmas holidays where the most presents are supposed to originate.

As this is our Christmas letter to The Index, we are going to wish every reader a merry Christmas, and hope they will all have enough joy and good cheer to cause them to not forget their Christmas of 1910.

Several of the boys are reported to have had a general mix-up on Saturday evening, but as no one seemed to take enough interest to file a complaint, nothing more will likely be heard of the mill.

Last Sunday County Attorney Field and Sheriff Mathews, were in Hazelton fishing for evidence against persons selling fire-water contrary to law, and it is reported that enough evidence was procured to warrant the arrest of J. C. B. Hargis on some ten or a dozen counts.

Editor Hyatt got hold of what is marked the foolish dictionary, and after looking the field over decided we were about the only one in Hazelton who actually fit this kind of a book hence he made us a Christmas present of the book and we are now studying on the definitions of some awful hard words, and think when we master this book we will go to editing a newspaper for we never knew before where the printer got all of his knowledge of big words.

It seems that about everybody has bought Christmas presents, but we notice that they are not so much on the foolish line and are mostly useful articles, and we wonder if the people are at last at the point where they are going to lay aside their extravagance and get down to a more economical system of doing business. This long drouth in the southwest may work more good for the people than harm, if it has a tendency to make them more careful as to how they spend their money.

We have always liked the Hazelton business men, and have received a good many favors from them, and now we are going to ask them for just one more favor this year, and that is to remember that we have a large family of children and grand children, and we want them to please remember this and don't for the love of Mike bring any of those unpaid bills until we have had time to recuperate and replenish our slabsided pocketbook. We hate to make this request but it is no worse than to have to send you away empty-handed and disappointed.

Some time ago someone told Ott Fausett that wheat would sprout and grow for the second or third time after the top growth had died, but Ott was from Missouri and wanted to be shown, so he had some early sown wheat that the top growth had died. He dug it up and the top was so dead that it simply crumbled on being handled. He planted the seed and gave it moisture, and in a short time it put out a new growth, he left it grow awhile and dug it up and let the tops die again, and then replanted, and gave it more of the needed moisture, and it is now growing and looking as good as if it had been amply supplied with moisture from the start. Ott now talks of planting some of the dead tops and see what the Kansas soil will do for them, for it seems that there is no limit to what Barber county soil will do if given the proper amount of moisture.

The following item was taken from the Macoupin county Enquirer, our old home paper in Illinois, and goes to show that Kansas is not the only dry place on earth:

### "DROUTH CAUSING TROUBLE"

"The dry weather is getting to be a serious matter in this part of the country. Stock water is getting low and scarce, cisterns are going dry and the railroads are hauling water for their engines.

"Water from the local reservoir in Litchfield is being shipped daily to Gillespie.

"Many fires have resulted from the dry condition of roofs and buildings, not only in Carlinville but in surrounding towns. Several of our citizens are dampening the roofs of their houses by means of garden hose to prevent damage from fire as far as possible.

"Rain has been forecasted repeatedly, lately, but so far it has not arrived."

Don't forget Ole Peterson at the Opera House Friday night.

### SHARON ITEMS

Ask Pete Matls what he got off the Xmas tree.

This has been a fine spell of weather for Xmas.

Albert Schloetzer of Kling visited the past ten days with home folks.

George Schloetzer of Topeka, visited with his parents, Dr. Schloetzer and wife, Christmas.

Several Sharonites who had been living in distant towns were here during the past week.

They have as yet no minister for the Christian church here. Perhaps later on some one will be secured for the work.

The Christian church had on its Sunday "go-to-meetin'" clothes on Christmas eve. A fine Xmas tree that shown in all its glory. Everybody was made glad.

Mr. Sharp who was moved to his son-in-law's, Oliver Owen, just west of town, is getting lower and more feeble every day. He seems to feel better at times, but always leaves him a little weaker. His trouble seems to be in his stomach and bowels.

Mrs. Frank Goff took seriously ill with heart trouble early Thursday night. Dr. VanFossen did all he could but it was thought best to have consultation, so Dr. Coleman of Medicine Lodge was summoned. Mrs. Goff was soon relieved and is up again for which we are thankful.

Rev. Hendrickson preached his farewell sermon Sunday night, to a large and an appreciative audience. Among other things he said, like "Paul of Old," to watch and be ready, "Ye know not the hour when the Son of man cometh!" Mr. Hendrickson was dearly beloved by his parishoners and people in general. We wish him well in Douglass where he goes to preach for 1911.

### Kling Items

Ralph and Ruby Walker are home from Sharon to spend the holidays.

Ralph Sheldon was doing Xmas shopping at Medicine Lodge Saturday.

M. C. Kennedy and J. T. Clawson were in Pratt the first of last week.

The school at Kling closed Friday with appropriate Xmas exercises, for a week's vacation.

M.A. Bedford and wife of Belvidere visited the Youngs and Vanderpools the first of last week.

J. C. Gano and Port Unger were here Thursday of last week managing the turkey shoot.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Clawson left Wednesday to spend the holidays with friends and relatives near Kenton, Okla.

Miss Bessie Stewart went home Friday to spend vacation with home folks and Abbie Clawson came home also for same.

The turkey shoot on Thursday was a success. Quite a large crowd from Pratt and Barber counties attended and the Library Association netted a neat sum from the dinner served.

### Presbyterian Church Notes

The regular mid-week services will be held this week. It would be a good omen for the year if we could have a good prayer meeting this week as being the first prayer meeting of the year. The determination to attend prayer meeting would be a good place to start in with good resolutions.

Next Sabbath will be the time for our regular quarterly Communion service. Some new members are expected to be received on that day and others who were received some time ago, will be publicly recognized and greeted.

All are made welcome at our services.

W. T. VAN HORN, Pastor.

### The Bride and Groom Return

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Ewing returned home from their wedding trip yesterday. The happy groom found his music store nicely decorated on his return and he knows that his friends have not forgotten him.

The young people enjoyed a Christmas Ball at the Opera House Monday night. There was a nice crowd and all had an excellent time.

The drouth is broken! Hurrah!

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